



Port Community Information Bulletin # 22-03
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season begins June 1st and continues through November 30th. If you have not already done so, heavy weather contingency plans should be reviewed and, if necessary, revised. These lay-up plans must be on file and approved by the COTP for all vessels 200 GT or more who will be or wish to remain in port during heavy weather.

The maritime community is reminded that Tampa Bay is not as a harbor of refuge. Mariners should keep this in mind while planning their voyage for Tampa during the hurricane season.

Attached to this information bulletin is a copy of the 2003 Vessel Lay-up plans. A set of plans must be submitted for each vessel desiring to remain in port. Once the plans have been reviewed and approved a letter will be sent accordingly. If a plan is not approved, notification will be made for corrections or updates. Shipping agents are requested to make their vessel owners/operators aware of these requirements.

ALL VESSEL LAY-UP PLANS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY 06 JUN 2003.

The Seventh District of the US Coast Guard is holding a district-wide hurricane exercise from

June 16 – 20. The Tampa Bay Port Heavy Weather Advisory Committee will be participating in this exercise. As a member of the maritime community, your cooperation in providing pertinent information relating to a heavy weather situation during the exercise would be appreciated. This will help the Committee to evaluate its performance. Lessons learned will help to maximize safety while minimizing the economic impact to commerce when a storm actually threatens the area.

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